

Printing of Reservation Slips

4137 DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are considering to print reservation/cancellation slips in all the regional languages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) Instructions already exist for Zonal Railways that each Reservation/Cancellation forms/slips for public use should invariably be printed bilingually in Hindi and English in Hindi speaking areas and also in the concerned regional language in non-Hindi speaking areas on the same sheet or reverse

[Translation]

Over bridge

4138 SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether people have demanded for construction of an over bridge on Lasalgaon Railway Station (Nasik) in Maharashtra; and

(b) the details of the action being taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Railway consider construction of Road Over Bridges in replacement of busy level crossings for which the proposals are sponsored by State Government giving the priority. There is no proposal for construction of a Road Over Bridge at Lasalgaon.

[English]

Foreign Contribution to Voluntary Organizations

4139 SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the foreign contribution received by the voluntary organizations is misused by them;

(b) if so, the machinery that exist to check such misuse; and

(c) the amount of contribution and the name of countries from which the funds were received during each of the last three years by these organizations?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDERJIT GUPTA) : (a) and (b) The associations permitted to receive foreign contribution are required to submit annual returns in the prescribed form giving the details of receipt and utilization

for specific purposes/programmes. A Monitoring Unit set up by the Government monitors the receipt of foreign contribution, submission of returns by Associations and undertakes inspections, wherever required. If any complaints of violation of the provisions of the Act came to notice or any such violation is noticed during scrutiny of accounts or inspection, action is taken wherever required, under the provisions of the Act against defaulting associations.

(c) The amount of foreign contribution and the name of countries from which the funds were received as reported by associations/organizations under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 are contained in the copies of annual reports for these years regarding Receipt of foreign contribution by voluntary associations which are available in the Parliament Library.

Rail Coach Factory in Kerala

4140 SHRI KODIKUNNI SURESH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India have received any memorandum from Chief Minister of Kerala for setting up of a coach factory in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are two coach manufacturing units with Indian Railways, one at Madras and one at Kapurthala. Each factory can manufacture about 1000 coaches per year. In addition, there are two factories in the Public Sector that are capable of manufacturing coaches.

With the available coach manufacturing capacity in the country, there is no justification to set up another coach manufacturing unit.

Misutilization/Diversion of Central Funds

4141 SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have any machinery to oversee the proper utilization of Central funds provided to the State Governments for the implementation of Centrally sponsored schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have noticed some cases of misutilization and diversion of these funds given for the implementation of soil conservation scheme by the States during the last two years till date;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in each case?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) Utilization of funds in respect of Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is done by the implementing agencies of the States. The State Governments have their own mechanism for overseeing utilization of funds.

There is no direct supervision by the Central Government for utilization of funds. The supervisory mechanisms of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation include :

(i) Asking for utilization certificate before more funds are released.

(ii) Asking for physical achievements periodically.

(iii) Discussion with State Government representative during Kharif/Rabi Conference and Zonal Inputs Conferences.

(iv) System of Area officers meetings where one senior officer of the Department is allotted a particular State and he has in depth discussion with the representative of that State regarding implementation of schemes at regular intervals.

(v) Visit of officers of the Department to the States wherein discussion are held with representative of States and at time site visits are also undertaken.

(c) to (e) During the last two years no cases of misutilisation/diversion of funds in respect of Soil Conservation Schemes has come to the notice of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation.

[Translation]

Dairy Development in Rajasthan

4142 PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) the purpose for which National Dairy Development Board took over the management of the Rajasthan Co-operative Dairy Federation and the date of its taking over;

(b) whether the purpose for which it was taken over has been fulfilled;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the names of the Dairies being operated in the State under the National Dairy Development Board and the profit earned and loss incurred by them separately during the last three years;

(e) whether the liabilities of the Dairy Federation have increased after its taking over by the NDDB;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(g) whether the Dairy Development programme and the interests of Milk Producers have suffered a set-back due to present management of NDDB; and

(h) if not, the future schemes of NDDB in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) On the request of the Government of Rajasthan, the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) took over the management of the Rajasthan Cooperative Dairy Federation (RCDF) and its affiliated unions on 14 1992 with a view to improve its overall physical and financial working.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A Statement indicating status of key activities of Rajasthan Cooperative Dairy Federation (RCDF) from 1992-93 to 1995-96 is enclosed statement-I.

(d) All the dairies which were earlier working under the RCDF and its affiliated unions are now working under the control of the NDDB. The details of provisional profit and loss during the last three years is enclosed statement-II.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Various unions and the RCDF had been granted loans under Operation Flood Project by the NDDB since 1979-80. As per the terms of the loan these are re-payable in 30 half yearly instalments over a period of 15 years after an initial moratorium of 5 years. Since the RCDF and the unions have been facing a liquidity crunch, it has not been possible to repay the loan in instalments since March 1991. RCDF had to take further short term loan from NDDB after March, 1991 for its day to day business. Since RCDF was not able to repay the loan, the interest on the loan increased, thereby increasing the liability of the federation.

(g) and (h). No, Sir. The Dairy Development Programme and the interest of the milk producers have not suffered any set back. On the contrary milk procurement from the farmers has been going up. NDDB proposes to rehabilitate the unions with major emphasis on milk procurement and marketing of liquid milk and milk products thereby increasing the turn over and decreasing the overhead expenses through rationalization of manpower and through human resources and skill development.